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Subject:RE: CGL Update BN

Thanks for the great response...I already used a few of the items when I was briefing some of the Ministers today...Thanks a ton!

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Good morning Ma'am,

I have been in discussion with my CIRG team as well as with A/Commr Stubbs on these convoy protests in anticipation they could escalate here in BC. "E" Div CrOps has been discussing possible strategies and resourcing requests with "K" Div CrOps on the Coutts Border Crossing dispute.

I/we do not presume to have all the answers. However; we have been heavily engaged with these sort of ideologically driven protest for a while now. Through hard earned experience we have managed to pick up a few strategies that may help. Whenever possible, planning and preparation at the "pre" stage with a dedicated command team is preferred. Further, having a dedicated command structure focused on the protest, such as a Gold Silver Bronze (GSB), throughout aids in providing a strategically oriented, operationally focused tactically sound response to these often dynamic socially charges situations.

As with the our ongoing protests in BC over pipelines and old growth logging, these "Trucker Convoy" protest participants have a strong core of ideologically driven people. However; they do not necessarily have a single leader or leadership group. They are well funded and are using social media very effectively to circumvent traditional media to get their message out and recruit more followers to the cause. They tend to organise based on collective thought through social media rather than a traditional command and control model. There will be "spokespersons" and "organizers" that do play a leadership role but they may not have control over any or all of the group. These factors are aiding to their ability to maintain their momentum in such a way, that it would indicate they can sustain a presence for the long term as they replenish and replace protesters and supplies on the line. We have seen this model successfully sustained at Fairy Creek over a long period of time. However; the inherent flaw with this model is that the protest can be hijacked by fringe groups and bad actors. Police liaison, such as the DLT, play a key role in helping organisers, at the local level, identify these people and aid them in keeping the protests Lawful, peaceful and safe if that is the organisers goal. During this period police focus on conducting law enforcement, whenever possible and practicable, to re-assure the general public and protesters

These types of protests leave very limited capacity for police to solve this situation, without some movement by government to allow protesters to have a "win" of sorts. We have seen this in the recent rail line blockades and pipeline protests where face to face meetings with government officials provides an "off ramp" for the majority, thus leaving the fringe isolated with diminished support. While it may not provide an immediate solution and may ultimately be a check box of sorts, it creates a much better operational climate for the majority to move on and police to deal with the criminality of the protest from fringe elements. During this period it is also an excellent time to deploy police liaison resources in sufficient numbers to talk to protest participants about the potential consequences of their actions, identify the leaders of the movement and their motivations, while providing time and space to plan and execute a more robust enforcement strategy, if required.

I'm sure this has been considered already in the Ottawa circles. It appears the PM is firm on his position not to engage with the protesters or meet their demands. Perhaps a health Canada official, such as Dr. Tam could, address the science that Omicron numbers have peaked and set a timeline/date for when the restrictions would be lifted. Even if it is a week or two away so as not to have the optics of appeasing the protestors, it will likely relieve the pressure and the passion to remain might dwindle.....again I'm sure this has been considered but that appears to be the only non-police option. Any enforcement action will likely result in sympathetic protests/blocks of roads.

"E" Division CIRG is ready to assist as and when required.

Regards,
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Thanks John'

Do you think there is a potential for this to amplify in solidarity with the Trucker's protest? Also would be interested in any thoughts you folks in BC have on how to bring the Coutts and Ottawa protests to a successful conclusion?

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CIRG QRT continue routine patrols along the Morice FSR and area. No calls for service or issues encountered.

A number of vehicles were noted at the 44 km camp. There were no interactions between people at the 44 km camp and any CGL workers.

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